

Bangladesh, UK sign aviation MoU to boost PPP cooperation

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Dhaka: Bangladesh and the United Kingdom have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening cooperation in Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), marking a significant step toward enhancing investment and sustainable infrastructure development in the aviation sector.

The agreement was signed by Ashik Chowdhury, Chief Executive Officer of the PPP Authority of Bangladesh, and Sarah Cooke, in the presence of UK Trade Envoy Baroness Rosie Winterton, who is currently visiting Dhaka to deepen bilateral trade and economic ties.

The MoU underscores both countries' shared commitment to facilitating investment, promoting knowledge exchange, building institutional capacity, and increasing private sector participation in aviation, read a press release of the UK High Commission in Dhaka.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Baroness Winterton said the agreement reflects the strong economic partnership between the two nations and their joint ambition to develop an aviation sector that supports trade, tourism, and economic growth. She expressed optimism that the MoU would lead to tangible progress, fostering investment and job creation.

British High Commissioner Sarah Cooke described the UK as a reliable and long-term economic partner of Bangladesh, noting that the agreement would further strengthen collaboration to drive mutually beneficial trade and investment.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M Rashiduzzaman Millat welcomed the initiative, expressing confidence that it would enhance business ties between the two countries. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting Bangladesh-UK engagements that generate mutual benefits.

Ashik Chowdhury highlighted the MoU as a signal that Bangladesh is open for business and ready to attract a new wave of international investment. He noted that while the UK remains one of the largest investors in Bangladesh, the agreement could help draw fresh British investment into the market, particularly in aviation and infrastructure.

Humayun Kobir, adviser to the ministries of Foreign Affairs, Disaster Management and Relief, and Civil Aviation and Tourism, emphasized the UK's role as a key development partner. He said the MoU would help unlock opportunities for broader collaboration, including engagement with British diaspora businesses and the country's young workforce.

Senior government officials and representatives from both sides attended the ceremony, reflecting growing momentum in Bangladesh-UK economic cooperation, particularly in the aviation sector.

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